

TELEGRAPHIC.

WISCONSIN, Dec. 24.

The National bank of Illinois has suspended.

The waterworks of LaPrairie, Que., were destroyed by fire.

Japan will establish direct trade in petroleum with Russia.

Spain is fortifying Santiago-de-Cuba and other ports on the island.

The rains fall in India has done little to relieve the famine districts.

R. F. Insinger, M. L. A., for Yorkton, Man., left for Europe to-day.

A line of fast steamers will ply between Cape Breton and Newfoundland.

An explosion of gas in a Pennsylvania coal mine killed over twenty miners.

The Pacific railway lines were denounced in the United States senate recently.

A bank robber was killed at Roulette, North Dakota, while resisting arrest.

L. P. Briggs, of Calgary, met with a very severe accident caused by a runaway.

The estimated wheat yield of Argentina for 1895 will be one half less than last year's.

A treaty of general arbitration has been agreed upon by Great Britain and United States.

Greenway is pressing the Dominion government to extend the boundaries of Manitoba.

Train robbers seized a locomotive and express car and escaped with them at Blue Cut, Louisiana.

The Sultan has granted amnesty to the Armenian prisoners, excepting those charged with murder.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. are under contract to ship 200 tons of flour monthly to Australia.

Several Chicago companies have ceased operations owing to the suspension of the Illinois National bank.

Henry L. Pierce, of Boston, has bequeathed two million dollars to educational, religious and charitable institutions.

Fraternities in Ontario insure 141,515 persons to the amount of \$2,205,288 and have assets of over \$9,000,000.

A sensation was caused at the consecration of the Archbishop of Canterbury by a clergyman charging Dr. Temple with heresy.

The petition against the return of Dr. Roche, in Marquette, has been dismissed by the full court. The petition against Boyd, in McDonald, Manitoba, will go to trial.

The sensation of the hour in Manitoba is the arrest of 27 deputy returning officers who figured in the elections in June.

Among the number are notorious gamblers and expert card men who destroyed ballots cast for liberals and substituted ballots cast for Tories. The evidence exists of a gigantic conspiracy to swindle every liberal candidate in Manitoba out of his seat.

TO-DAY'S TRAIN.

Oae car flour for H. B. Co.; two cars sundries for various parties.

LOCAL.

CHRISTMAS DAY TO-MORROW.

TRAIN left Calgary on time.

MIDNIGHT mass in St. Joachim's church to-night.

L. KELLY purchased 1,400 bushels of oats on Tuesday.

SCHOOL closed yesterday. Opens Monday, Jan. 4th.

RAIN on Monday night and very slippery walking or driving since.

P. L. McNAMARA and bride arrived from Ontario on Monday's train.

JACKSON & GRIFFITHS will serve their first dinner in the Alberta hotel this evening.

It is estimated that 125,000 bushels of oats have been marketed in the Edmonton district to date.

ALL SAINTS' Sunday School are having a Christmas tree entertainment in Robertson hall this evening.

CHRISTMAS tree entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday school at Fort Saskatchewan this evening.

N. D. BECK, Q. C., returned from attending the full sittings of the supreme court at Regina on Monday's train.

A. BECKETT has opened a tea, grocery, flour and feed store in the building opposite Ross Bros' hardware store.

R. H. HOLBROOK, teacher at Clover Bar school, has been engaged by the trustees of that district for a further term.

BEAVER LAKE people are agitating for a weekly mail service from Fort Saskatchewan. The fortnightly service is very unsatisfactory.

A CHRISTMAS Tree at the Salvation Army barracks on Christmas night, also an entertainment given by the children. Admission 25c. Children free.

THE settlers of Conjoining creek settlement, about twelve miles east of Leduc, are petitioning for a post office and mail route. This is an important new settlement.

GUS DOZE, of Beaver hills, threshed 1,000 bushels of No. 1 wheat yielding at the rate of 28 bushels per acre this season. Mr. Doze comes from Nebraska and is well satisfied with his returns.

THE children of Fort Saskatchewan public school will give an entertainment in the school house on New Year's eve, Dec. 31st. A cantata, "The Palace of Santa Claus," is being prepared. Admission 25c.

SETTLERS at the southeast corner of Beaver Lake are agitating for a post office. There is a large settlement many of whom are fourteen miles from Logan post office to the north and twenty miles from Duhamel on the south.

L. W. MENZEL, of Stony Plain, who has kept samples of wheat which he has grown during the past five years, says that the yield of this year's growth is superior in color and fineness to that of the former years and quite equal to the original Manitoba sample. Mr. Menzel has had good success in raising six rowed barley. This year's crop brought 22c, a bushel for feed.

INSR. SNYDER goes to Montreal by Tuesday's train for a month on sick leave.

R. SECOND returned from a business trip to British Columbia on Monday's train.

GEO. WATSON, barrister, at one time of Edmonton, has gone to Prince Albert to practice.

Mrs. S. S. TAYLOR and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, at Saddle Lake.

MR. AND MRS. SCHELL arrived from Ontario on Monday's train to settle at Spruce Grove.

SIXTY loaded teams coming to town were counted by H. S. Young on the St. Albert road yesterday.

M. MALONEY left South Edmonton on Friday's train with two work teams bound for Nelson, B. C.

SERVICE in All Saints' church on Christmas day (to-morrow) at 11 a.m. by Rev. Canon Newton.

THE Jasper House will celebrate Christmas by something extra in Christmas dinner. The menu is elaborate and tasty, and altogether creditable.

INSR. BOUTLEDER is expected to to-night's train with two trains of dogs to patrol in the Athabasca district. A third train has been purchased here.

FINLAY McDONALD's threshers finished the season's work last week, having threshed 70,000 bushels of grain, principally in the settlement north of Sturgeon river.

NEXT Sunday being the last of the present year, the Rev. J. Dyke will present a special discourse in the Methodist church at the evening service. Subject, "Memories of the old year."

THE snow has been cleared off the southern ranching country by the mild weather, and the prairie is dry enough to burn near Medicine Hat, and the ground is bare as far north as Olds.

McKERNAN & STEPHENS' threshers have ceased work for the season having threshed 72,500 bushels of grain in the East Edmonton and Indian reserve settlements. About a quarter of the whole was wheat.

HENDERSON & STEWART's threshers pulled in on Saturday last after a very successful season's work in the Rabbit hill and Leduc districts. There is still a good deal of grain to thresh in the Conjoining Creek settlement.

The following are the newly elected officers of Edmonton lodge No. 53 A. F. & A. M.: K. A. McLeod, W. M.; F. A. Osborne, S. W.; Jas. McDonald, J. W.; J. A. McDougall, treas.; G. T. Briggs, Sec.; W. McKay, tyler.

THE Alberta hotel under the management of the new proprietors will serve a Christmas dinner to their guests to-morrow that will eclipse all former efforts. The menu are printed on silk, in the superior style of the BULLETIN office.

A LUMP of coal from Kelly's Sturgeon mine is on view in the BULLETIN office window. It is very compact, showing no tendency to slack by exposure. Mr. Allan, who brought it, says it is exactly like the gas coal of Scotland.

ALEX. FRASER, brother of D. R. Fraser and partner of Jas. McKernan, arrived from Emerson, Manitoba, on Monday's train on a short visit. Mr. Fraser is surprised at the amount of grain that is being handled at Edmonton this year.

THE anthem at the Sunday morning service in the Presbyterian church will be Stainers' "Behold I bring you glad tidings," and in the evening Tours' "Sing Oh Heavens." There will be the usual Christmas hymns at both services.

THRESHERS' charges this season were 2c. for barley and oats and 3c. for wheat, or 2½c. and 3½c. if crew was furnished with the machine. Henderson & Stewart's and W. Walker's rates on threshers were the only ones in the district which furnished crews.

A PETITION has been forwarded to the post office department asking for the establishment of a post office to be called Lovering on the mail route between Fort Saskatchewan and Beaver lake. The office would be about 12 miles northeast of Beaver lake office.

A TEAM driven by Mr. Guinette of Stony Plain ran away on Main street last evening. The sleigh upset near the Massey Harris warehouse, and Mr. Guinette was thrown out and somewhat injured. The horses broke away from the sleigh, and doubtless ran home.

MRS. HARRIS, wife of T. Harris who has resided on Bird's flat opposite town for some time past, died unexpectedly on Monday evening. The funeral took place yesterday to the Edmonton cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. A. H. Gray, of Holy Trinity, South Edmonton.

McKINLAY's threshers closed its season on Stony Plain on Tuesday night. Crops were rather lighter than usual on the plain this year but the sample is excellent, especially of wheat. Wheat has done best on old land and oats and barley on new land. Spring plowing gave the best results this year, especially for oats and barley.

SCHOOL MEETING.

Meeting of school trustees yesterday afternoon. Present, McCauley, Lauder and Taylor.

It was decided to purchase a desk from C. M. Woodworth.

Tenders for work received from:

E. M. Hunter, furnace, \$1 75

Baldwin & Malone, common, 1 60

" " furnace, 1 75

H. Goodridge, furnace, 2 00

The tender of E. M. Hunter was accepted.

P. Umbach was re-engaged as caretaker at \$16 a month.

Pay sheet for December amounting to \$278 was passed.

M. McCauley was appointed a committee to arrange for the heating and cleaning of one of the rooms in the old school building during the session of the normal school.

The inspector's report was received and adopted.

POST OFFICE.

Edmonton post office will be open to-night for general delivery until 11 o'clock. It will be closed the whole of to-morrow.

BANQUET TO BLAIR.

The Calgary board of trade will give a banquet in honor of Hon. A. G. Blair minister of railways at Calgary to-morrow evening.

SPECIAL TRAIN.

A special train followed the regular of Monday to Wetaskiwin, to take back a train load of cattle purchased by P. Burns at points along the line. This is the third special this month.

CURLING TO-DAY.

To-day's schedule games:

Vance, 13, Calder, 11

McDonald, 11, Raymer, 9

Vance's rink was five behind at th last end, and in that end made seven points.

TUESDAY'S TRAIN.

2 car coal Calgary.

2 cars oats Arrowhead.

1 car oats Sardon.

1 car car New Westminster.

1 car cattle Lacombe.

1 way car.

HOCKEY.

A match between the Edmonton club and N. W. M. Police at Fort Saskatchewan will be played on the Edmonton rink at 2:30 p.m. to-morrow.

A match between the Edmonton and South Edmonton will be played on the South Edmonton rink on New Years day.

L O E.

A meeting of Court Edmonton, No. 1346, Independent Order of Foresters, held in Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22nd, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

C. D. H. C. R., A. H. Haines; P. C. R., Wm. Short; Physician, Dr. Harrison; C. R., W. E. Grierson; V. C. R., W. D. Carscadden; R. S., J. Lubbock; F. S., R. Hockley; treasurer, W. T. Henry; chaplain, P. Umbach; S. B., E. Acton; J. B., C. J. Carter; Finance committee: R. W. V. Vaudin, D. W. Macdonald. Trustees: W. J. Hunter, H. Woodward.

EDMONTON MILLING CO.

The Edmonton Milling Co., of South Edmonton, is buying for cash all the wheat that offers and will continue to do so until the end of the season. The mill is running night and day. The elevator is full, but ample storage accommodation has been arranged for elsewhere. Purchases this season to date amount to about 50,000 bushels. The present price is 40c to 58c. Up to 65c was paid during part of the season. This means about \$30,000 in cash among the farmers of the district for wheat alone, besides keeping in circulation in the country the large amount of cash that would otherwise have to be sent out for flour.

METEOROLOGICAL.

The following temperatures are reported from the Dominion government observatory, Edmonton, for the dates given:

	Max.	Min.
Monday, 21,	35	30
Tuesday, 22,	34	30
Wednesday, 23,	29	21
Thursday, 24,	30	26

Barometer reduced to sea level 30.082.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!

The Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Edmonton Butter and Cheese Manufacturing Association (Ltd) will be held in the Town Hall, Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, 1897, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

A. C. RUTHERFORD, Secretary-Treasurer.

South Edmonton, 22nd Dec., 1896.

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New Goods!

Xmas. Confections, Etc.

Groceries, Flour,

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LOCAL AGENT.

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We have a full line of Riddell's Choice Biscuits and Confections fresh for the Xmas. trade, embracing over 50 varieties of Biscuits and Cakes and more than 100 different kinds of Candies, ranging in price from 12½c per pound for common mixed to 50c for the choicest Confections.

Fresh Nuts, Spices and Groceries.

FRESH BULK OYSTERS

DIRECT FROM BALTIMORE.

served in every style or sold in bulk or can at

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Wild Flowers of Alberta.

Just the kind of Souvenir to send your friends in the East.

Prices from 25c. upwards.

Also a fine assortment of Christmas and Holiday Goods.

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The Misses McNamara are now prepared to give lessons in Music, Painting, Croquet and Sepia Drawing. Addresses illuminated.

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"Alberta Patent"

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Wholesale Orders a Specialty.

Traders would do well to enquire for prices before purchasing elsewhere. Once used always used. More bread to the sack than any other Flour manufactured in Alberta.

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We have just received a large stock, consisting of

RIDDELL'S, PERRIN'S AND

PATERSON'S

Confectionery

Fruit Cakes, Biscuits, Grapes

Raisins, Oranges, Lemons,

Apples, Figs. . . .

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All kinds Nuts, Toys, Xmas

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Harness & Saddlery "Our Native Herbs"

Heavy and Light Team and Single Harness to order.

Collars fitted and Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Repairs promptly made. Fittings supplied.

See our stock of Light Driving Whips. Closest figures for Cash.

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KIDNEY DISEASE,

FEMALE COMPLAINTS.

Geo. H. Graydon,

SOLE AGENT NORTHERN ALBERTA.

FASHIONABLE CUSTOMS AT XMAS.

It is becoming quite the custom now to give a piece of Furniture for a Xmas Present. In fact the manufacturers appear to be aiming at getting out something neat, tasty, strong and durable; just such articles as would be acceptable for the above purpose and at such prices that will not embarrass the most economical buyer these hard times. We have nice Bamboo Tables with Oak Top and Shelf at \$1.50; Oak and Bamboo Book Shelves. Wall Pockets, Wall Brackets, Photo Frames and Pictures running from 75c. up to \$2.00. Should you wish something better, we would like to mention our Cobbler-seat Rockers in Oak at \$4.50, the best value in Rockers ever shown in Edmonton. Our warerooms are full of so many things that will help to make your home comfortable and attractive and that will remain such for years. We are confident that in the future you will feel that the furniture dealer is not the only one that has profited by your investment. Come and we will help you choose something.

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Agent for the Heintzman Piano, Doherty Organ and Raymond Sewing Machine.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Soap! Soap! Soap!

We have the following lines:

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three insertions and under \$1, or 10 cents a line for
each insertion and 5 cents a line each week or part of week
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FRANK OLIVER, — PROPRIETOR.
EDMONTON BULLETIN, DECEMBER 24TH, 1895

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Christmas of 1896 at Edmonton will long be a pleasant memory. Weather delightful, sleighing good, business brisk, exports large, prices fair, prospects excellent.

QUARANTINE.

The news that the minister of agriculture is in Washington negotiating for the abolition of cattle quarantine restrictions between Canada and the United States calls for comment, particularly in view of the announcement that it is proposed not to reduce, but to abolish such restrictions. There is no doubt that the 90 days quarantine, at present imposed, is open to some question as a purely precautionary measure. It was imposed, some people say, rather as a trade protective measure than as a necessity to keep disease away from Canadian herds. In so far as it is merely a restriction on trade, no doubt the effort to have that restriction reduced on both sides of the line would be a benefit to the cattle raisers of the eastern provinces, who wish to supply stall fed cattle direct to the eastern cities of the United States, they having an advantage in point of distance over the farmers of the Western States. But Canada is a big country and the interests of the cattle raisers of all parts are entitled to consideration. To the grazing area of the Northwest comprised in the southern part of Alberta and the western part of Assiniboia—an area as large as the total settled portions of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec—the cattle industry is everything. In that part, and indeed throughout Manitoba and the Territories, the cattle men have only a remote interest in getting access to the eastern cities of the United States, as they would have to face there on unequal terms their competitors of the Western States as well as of Eastern Canada. But they have a very direct interest in keeping their herds free from disease of every kind in order that they may be in the best possible position to take full advantage of the British, which (except to a limited extent Kootenay) is their only market. It is said that there is no disease in the herds of the United States, and therefore there is no necessity of enforcing quarantine against them. That is simply nonsense. There is no possibility of the herds throughout such a vast territory remaining entirely free from disease. So that however much it might be desired to have the freest possible interchange of cattle across the boundary, the merest instinct of self preservation would dictate the retention of reasonable and efficient quarantine restrictions. The readiness of the United States to remove restrictions on Canadian cattle going into the States for shipping purposes in return for a like privilege on their cattle coming into Canada proves nothing against the necessity of Canada retaining a quarantine. Canadian cattle being all raised in a cool climate are less liable to disease than the cattle of the United States, and average of a superior quality. So that the United States runs practically no risk in admitting Canadian cattle, and would be advantaged in the British market by the shipment of the best Canadian cattle through their ports; while Canada would be running great risk and suffering a like disadvantage in the English market from the shipment through her ports of inferior United States cattle. It may be said that as there is very little disease amongst cattle in the States along the Canadian boundary the risk to Canadian cattle is more sentimental than practical, as they run no greater risk than their neighbors immediately south of the line, who are not suffering materially. The difference is that the laws which are intended to protect the rights of one man against wrongs suffered at the hands of his neighbor only operate on the respective sides of the boundary. Each state and province has its laws regarding contagious diseases of domestic animals. But if animals in which disease afterwards develops are driven from one side of the boundary to the other and

sold the purchaser or other injured parties have no recourse against the seller, who is by that time out of the jurisdiction. This is a standing temptation to unscrupulous men to advantage themselves at the expense of the people of the adjoining country. And is something that the western country cannot afford to allow. The interests of the West demand that an efficient live stock quarantine shall be maintained between Canada and the United States, and it is to be hoped that in his negotiations the minister of agriculture will not lose sight of that fact.

RESERVED LAND.

The Free Press is busily engaged trying to effect a sale of the C. P. R. lands in the Northwest to the Canadian government. It thinks it has made the sale as far as Mr. Greenway, premier of Manitoba, and Mr. Fraser, M. P. for Guysboro, Nova Scotia, are concerned. No doubt to effect this sale is the chief end of the Free Press' existence as understood by the knights of high degree who are making good its annual deficits. The paper enlarges at great length on the immense advantage it would be to the country if all the land were free for homesteading. No doubt this would be an advantage, a great advantage, and to prove the disinterestedness of the Free Press' belief in the certainty of securing the settlement of the country by freeing the land, that paper might join with the BULLETIN in asking that to begin with the odd numbered sections not yet reserved for railroad purposes and the so-called school sections be thrown open for settlement by way of experiment, before the government is asked to incur any obligations in consideration of freeing the land that should never have been locked up.

This country wants a great deal more than free land to secure the prosperity of its settlers, which is the only sure means of inducing other desirable settlers to come. What is wanted is railway development and effective railway competition which will ensure that the settler is working for himself rather than for the railway company. The money that would be required to buy out the land held locked up for railway companies in the Northwest would ensure active development and effective competition. If existing railway companies did not make anything out of their present policy of grab and dead cinch on that deal they could simply fry for a while in their own fat—or leanness. This country does not owe its railroad companies or their promoters anything, and any proposition to further increase the amount of money which these companies and individuals have received from the public treasury will be looked upon by the people of the West as a direct attempt to prevent the granting of the aid necessary to secure that railway competition without which the settlement and development of the country can only be slow and partial.

SETTLEMENT REFUSED.

La Semaine Religieuse, the organ of the Archbishop of Montreal, and edited in the palace itself, has an important article on the school question, which, it says, is not settled, but has simply entered upon a new phase. It believes that the amendments will be easily carried in the Legislature of Manitoba, and adds that it will probably be stated that Ottawa cannot interfere, yet, at the same time, the writer does not believe that the last word has been said in the Canadian Parliament. "It is evident," the writer continues, "that the question is far from being settled, as it can only be settled by a mutually satisfactory arrangement between the Manitoba authorities and the parties interested, or by legislation restoring to the Catholic minority all of those rights guaranteed them by clause 22 of the Manitoba Act. Is it, therefore, necessary to add that the sons of the church and French-Canadians will take advantage of all legal and constitutional means of defence before allowing their children to go the way of religious and national apostasy? In fact we do not hesitate to say that the elementary school system, which they seek to impose upon the Manitoba minority, will fatally dry up in the souls of the rising generation those qualities and noble aspirations which go to make our people French and Catholic."

PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

It is officially announced here that there have been 1,151 cases of bubonic plague in this city, and 1,094 deaths from the disease up to date. The exodus from Bombay continues. It is stated 200,000 persons fled from the city.

ENGLAND QUAKED.

An earthquake occurred throughout England and Wales on Dec. 17th. The most severe shocks were felt in Cheltenham, Sedbury and New Forest. London was slightly shaken. Hereford cathedral was injured. The pinnacles of St. Nicholas church toppled over. It was felt severely at Warwick castle and slightly at Windsor castle. At Liverpool it was preceded by a severe thunder and hail storm. People were badly frightened everywhere.

TWO CENT POSTAGE.

Toronto World: An investigation of the receipts of the U. S. postal department, as given in detail, reveals the fact that the two-cent rate pays handsomely. The deficiency must not be attributed to the reduction in letter rates from three to two cents, but to the great increase in the quantity of second-class matter handled at ruinous rates by the United States post offices. There were carried last year 349,000,000 pounds of second-class matter, being an increase of 37,000,000 over the preceding year. It costs the government eight cents per pound to deliver this matter, while it receives only eight and one-half mills per pound. On the carriage of second-class matter for the last year the government lost \$25,000,000. The deficit of eight millions is clearly not chargeable to the transportation of letters at two cents an ounce.

Not only does the two cents afford a big profit to the government, but the postmaster-general, in discussing the proposed one-cent letter rate, says it would yield a great profit, but he states it would be idle to talk of such reduction while two-thirds of the mail matter is handled at a small fraction of its cost. If a one-cent rate will pay in the United States, it is surely time we got down to a two-cent basis at least in Canada.

IMMIGRATION RETURNS.

The official report of the Interior Department of immigrants arriving in Canada for the season closed is 21,341, compared with 21,338 last year, only three of a difference. The number who settled in the Dominion or announced their intention of remaining was 14,127 and last year 14,019. Those en route to the United States numbered 7,214 and last year 5,319. The number who announced their destination as Manitoba and Territories or British Columbia was 5,120 against 4,603 last season. The arrivals at Quebec were 13,155 and 12,499 last season; Halifax 5,808 and 5,343 last season; Montreal, 1,855 and 2,496 last year, and St. John, N. B. 523 compared with 200 last season.

There is no use

putting it off any longer as there will be nothing gained by it. If you need any goods of any description now is the time to buy them, and the only question to consider is, where are you going to buy them, where can you do the best and be sure of getting the best value for your money. . . .

This is both a wise and important matter to consider whether times are good or bad. In the opinion of a large number of the most prosperous people in the country, who are the shrewdest and most careful of buyers, McDougall's is the place the year round, in any kind of times, and no matter what is the size of your purse. No purchasers too small or none too large. One and all receive the very best of values, and they all come back for more.

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CONSEQUENTLY we offer you the best value for your money and have the very class of goods you require. Suitable for the country, suitable for the season, and suitable to the taste and means of an intelligent public, for whom the best is never too good.

We wish our customers

A Merry Christmas

AND A

Happy New Year

Thank them for past favors and solicit a continuance of their patronage.

Xmas Groceries and Confectionery

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Quality—the best.

Prices—the lowest.

Stock—fresh, choice and complete.

Whilst making your holiday purchases please remember that our other departments are equally well stocked, and nearly all your requirements can be filled under the most advantageous conditions at

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Space prevents enlarging on this head, but a visit will convince all that in this line the Manchester House takes the Palm.

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A Fine Assortment of Christmas Goods just received. Prices very moderate.

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THE WETASKIWIN DAIRYING ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of settlers interested in the establishment of a butter factory under the equipment and management of the government, was held in the school house at Wetaskiwin on Saturday last. Mr. E. Waterson was called to the chair.

The chairman in opening the meeting pointed out the great necessity of continued action in this undertaking, the demand of the markets to-day being large quantities of uniform quality. The government had offered to come to their assistance. The advantages would be: Absolute security, scientific management, facilities for marketing, and the great reputation of all government produce. This district had already had its share of private enterprise in dairying, and did not want any more.

Mr. Carruthers then proposed the following resolution, viz:

"That in view of the proposed government aid to the dairying industry, a joint stock company to be called 'The Wetaskiwin Dairying Association' be formed, with a capital stock of five thousand dollars in shares of one dollar each."

In the discussion it was shown that at least 700 cows could be obtained.

This resolution was seconded by Mr. Jas. Fenner, and carried with enthusiasm.

The following management committee, with power to add to their number, was then elected: E. Waterson, chairman; A. S. Roseroll, secretary; R. Boehm, Wm. Carruthers, John McDermott.

Mr. Fenner then proposed the following resolution: "That in consequence of the unfortunate experience of this neighborhood with 'Smith & Sibbald of Calgary, this meeting resents any attempt to merge this district into any concern which Smith & Sibbald are parties to or promoters of, and that this meeting supports a petition to the government for an enquiry and aid to the suffering victims who have supplied milk to Smith & Sibbald."

Seconded by Mr. Drager and carried unanimously.

This resolution was made in response to a letter from Smith & Sibbald offering their patrons shares in lieu of the cash for their season's milk. No doubt they would have grown fat on shares this severe winter.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

At a committee meeting held afterwards canvassers were appointed, all returns of cows to be in by Wednesday, 30th inst., when the committee will meet again.

21st Dec., 1896.

ANOTHER VIEW.

The Canadian Freeman, of Kingston, Ont., the organ of Archbishop Clary says under the heading "Unmitigated Madness."

A small but rather noisy band of Tories—Tories first and Catholics at a very pronounced and painfully long interval—declare their purpose to keep the Manitoba school question in Dominion politics. In Dominion politics the question cannot be kept without grave and lasting injury to the minority in Manitoba.

The Tory fanatics care not, however, for the minority, their sole purpose being to embarrass, and if possible destroy, the Laurier government. They may menace, but they can neither embarrass nor destroy that administration. This, however, they can do—they can make the minority more and more odious in the eyes of the majority, and arrest the hand of justice or chill the heart of generosity in the majority.

The case is out of Dominion politics. It could be re-introduced into the federal arena only by the unanimous consent of the conservative party from all the provinces, especially from Ontario. It is, we declare, a case of unmitigated madness not to make use of such advantages as the settlement concedes to the minority, with the view of bettering their condition and placing them on the same footing of equality with all other classes of their fellow subjects.

We want to see the Catholics of Manitoba get all that can be obtained for their benefit, but we are decidedly opposed to their being used by factionists for the benefit of a faction that is responsible for whatever loss they have sustained and suffering they have endured.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Toronto Star, Winnipeg special: "Rev. Father Joly, at a meeting after mass on Sunday, at Otterburne, said the fanatics of Ontario were to blame for the school question trouble. He said the people were designates of the dirt of the streets of London and Liverpool, pardoned convicts, etc." Evidently conciliation is no part of the rev. father's programme.

Nor Wester, Winnipeg: Another party of Galician immigrants arrived from the east yesterday. Dr. Grey, health officer, was on hand to examine them before they were permitted to alight. A large number of infants were in the party.

The steamship Empress of India, reports small pox is raging with exceptional severity in the principal sea coast town of Japan. In Kobe 200 cases and several deaths were reported.

CORNWALL CONTEST.

Toronto Star special: "The great question which the electors are called upon to decide, is the Manitoba school settlement. That is the text of all the addresses. Sir Adolphe Caron and Hon. George E. Foster sounded the slogan by denouncing the recent agreement, and resuscitating the iniquitous and disastrous subject. Then the French remedialists swarmed in from Montreal, and shouted oppression, and held aloft the flag of discontent, by vaunting race prejudice and creed crises. A majority of the electors are French and Scotch Catholics. Mr. Snetsinger liberal (who has been elected) has been before the public for a number of years and is very popular. For 12 years he sat for the riding in the Local Legislature, and on two occasions, opposed Dr. Bergin. Once he was beaten by six votes, and again by 400. Mr. Leitch conservative (defeated) on the other hand, has not a good record as a politician. A few years ago, he came out as an Equal Righter and no one in all Ontario was so bitter in his statements.

QUARANTINE.

Toronto World: The government has given up all hopes of securing the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle entering Britain, and now proposes an entirely different move. Hon. Sydney A. Fisher, minister of agriculture, will open negotiations at Washington this week with the secretary of agriculture in Cleveland's government for the removal of all quarantine restrictions on cattle passing between the two countries. Hitherto cattle passing through Canada from the United States for shipment to the old country have had to undergo quarantine, but a change is on the tapis. Americans have on their side shown their goodwill by allowing Canadian cattle leaving Boston and Portland to go through without examination. As regards American cattle coming into Canada and Canadian cattle crossing the boundary to the American market, it is thought that the ninety days quarantine is much more than is needed. Another subject which may be discussed is the recognition of Canadian stock in the herd books of the United States.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

Regina Leader: Mr. Sifton is going to Ottawa as a delegate from the country west of the lakes. When he removes Mr. Burgess, he will have done what the whole people west of the lakes wish and expect him to do. Whether they are right or wrong the people here certainly want no more of Mr. Burgess' government. Mr. Sifton is expected to make some changes in methods of administration. If he can effect any changes while Mr. Burgess is in the office, he will do what previous ministers found impossible. Mr. Burgess has been governing this country since Hon. Thos. White's death. True, he had ministers over him most of the time, but they were never allowed to stand in his way. Mr. Dewdney and Mr. Daly went to Ottawa with notions of certain reforms in their minds, but Mr. Burgess speedily placed them in subjection. They were not in the department many days before they were ready to admit that they didn't know anything about government. Mr. Burgess knew it all. If Mr. Burgess could have had all the people in the office of minister he would probably have them all tamed into similar meekness. But although he had the settlers at his mercy, he was too far away from them to inspire meekness. They knew that he has treated them harshly, in the spirit of an autocrat, in hundreds of instances. Now that they see a chance of getting rid of him they await expectantly the news of his going. If Mr. Burgess goes not, the settlers' estimate of Hon. Mr. Sifton will drop several degrees. Had Joseph Martin been selected minister of interior, we have not any doubt one of his first acts would have been the appointment of a new deputy minister.

CONSUMPTIVE HOSPITAL.

Kamloops, B. C., Sentinel: The climate of Kamloops is admitted to be peculiarly beneficial to consumptives, hence from a humanitarian standpoint alone the establishment of a sanitarium here should be encouraged. Mr. W. J. Gage, whose admirable work in this connection has gained for him the esteem of every Canadian, strongly favors Kamloops as a site. The Montreal Witness states that Mr. Gage has assurances from the local government that they will gladly promote the establishment of such an institution within the province, and from the Canadian Pacific railway that it will give free transportation to one hundred patients there and back annually, providing special cars for the conveyance of the sufferers. On this subject the Montreal Witness says: "Countless Canadians who now go to Colorado, and who have done much by their recovered vigor and by their enterprise to build up that State, might as well be peopling the Rocky Mountain region, or at least spending their money in their own country. It would cost little to turn this really lucrative stream of population into Canadian channels." Consumption is the curse of Eastern Canada, but the West—excepting the actual coast of the Pacific—is particularly free from it. Consumption is unknown at Edmonton amongst white people, unless the disease was far advanced before they came here.

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Queen's—R. A. Kerr, Banff; F. Marriaggi, F. F. Tims, Rev. G. C. D. Easum, Fort Saskatchewan; Rowan Johnson, R. L. Alexander, Calgary.

CLOVER BAR.

An excellent Christmas tree entertainment was given by the pupils and parents of Clover Bar school district in the colonization building at Clover Bar last evening, under the management of Mr. Holbrook, teacher of Clover Bar school. About 150 people were present including a large number from South Edmonton. Rev. E. J. Cawlin, of South Edmonton, was chairman. A lengthy and interesting programme of songs, choruses, readings, dialogues and recitations was given, which reflected the greatest credit on the pupils taking part and also on the teacher. The programme was followed by a distribution of presents from the Christmas tree in which J. D. Foster personated Santa Claus. The receipts of the entertainment amounted to \$25.65.

FROM SANDON.

Joseph Kelly, who returned from Sandon, B. C., last week, reports business brisk in the Slocan district, of which Sandon is the capital. There are quite a number of Edmonton people at Sandon and vicinity. Messrs. John Cameron, sr., P. Kelly, Fred Walter and Allen arrived the day before Mr. Kelly left. A. Grierson, J. Roy, McFadden Bros., Armstrong, W. Pierre, Forbes, John and Howard Cameron, F. B. Feltz, C. Sandison and others are there. Some are working and some are now. The carpenter's trade is brisk, as many buildings are going up and wages are good. C. Sandison has a silver claim near Sandon on which he has taken a working bond for \$20,000. The holders of the bond have the privilege of purchasing at the price of the bond at a certain date should they consider the prospect and development justifies it; the development being done at their cost. A working bond is one in which the owner does the development at a fixed price paid by the purchaser, as Mr. Sandison is doing. The population of Sandon is low about 1,200 and the buildings include a hotel costing \$30,000 now nearly completed. Many other substantial buildings are being erected. Within a radius of four miles from Sandon are the Slocan, Ruth, Noble Five, Eureka, Payne, Deadman and a number of smaller mines all shipping ore, chiefly to Omaha. The Ruth was recently purchased by Alexander formerly of Calgary, for \$250,000. The ore is hauled down the mountain side to the railway with four horse teams drawing five to eight tons at a load. The Noble Five is putting up a concentrator and will make connection with the railway by means of a wire cable several miles long. The Kaslo and Slocan railway has pushed about a mile and half beyond Sandon and established a new town called Cody. But Sandon having both the Kaslo and Slocan railway and the C. P. R. has the advantage. A newspaper is published at Sandon called the Pay Strak and another at New Denver, on Slocan lake nine miles nearer Nakusp, on which W. P. Evans, formerly of the BULLETIN, is employed. Snow was four feet deep at Sandon when Mr. Kelly left, but gets much deeper in February. Slocan lake was not frozen over and remains open all winter, as do the Kootenay and Arrow lakes. There is now no transhipment of car lots of freight from Edmonton to Sandon, as the cars are run on a scow at Arrowhead and taken by water to Nakusp where they reach the track of the Nakusp and Slocan railway. The scow takes eight cars at a trip. There is at present an excellent market at Sandon and throughout the Kootenay for farm products, particularly butter and eggs. Mr. Kelly says he could handle profitably several tons of butter at present prices could be procured of satisfactory quality. Nothing but the best quality of any product is wanted in the Kootenay as the people have money to pay for the best, if they can get it, and will therefore have nothing else. Besides the cost of packing from the railway station to many of the mines is so great—and the same on a poor quality as on good—that it is a losing speculation to pay freight and packers' charges for anything but a satisfactory article, particularly in the case of butter. The railway fare from Edmonton to Sandon is \$31.50 and a passenger leaving Edmonton Tuesday morning reaches Sandon on Thursday afternoon, making direct connections right through. Coming back the connections are very bad and the trip occupies about a week.

TRIPLETS.

Winnipeg Tribune: A family on Dufferin street has increased by three new arrivals into the land of the living on Wednesday. This is the second case of triplets within a fortnight.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The town council of 1896 held its last meeting on Tuesday evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A. G. Randall, accounts.
N. D. Beck, telegram, appeal cases.
P. Heiminek & Co., charge by treasurer.

A. McNicol, regarding account.
N. D. Beck's report on appeal cases, Regina. The letter reads: "In the prohibition matter the court were of opinion that section 30, of part IV of the municipal ordinance was misplaced, and should be read as if it followed section 21 and that reading it thus, the court of revision at the date at which they made the general reduction of 20 per cent. had no power to change the roll except in cases of special appeals. The court, however, reserved till the 1st of March the question whether the mode of procedure by way of prohibition was the proper remedy to take. I feel confident the court will decide this in the town's favor, thus relieving the town of the costs of prohibition which Judge Rouleau ordered the town to pay. The assessor will therefore have to proceed on the assessment roll as it stood before the reduction was made, except in the cases specially dealt with by the court of revision on complaint in the usual way."

In the Heiminek case the court gave no expression of opinion, but I have no doubt at all but that the decision in the town's favor should stand. Judgment was reserved in this case also until 1st March.
Judge Rouleau informed me that he would be able to send up his decisions in the assessment appeal cases reserved by next Thursday's train.
The clerk was given power to act regarding the accounts to which his letter referred.
The solicitor's telegram was filed.
Edmonton—McCauley. That the communication of P. Heiminek be referred to the solicitor for reply.
Sutton—Kelly moved in amendment that Heiminek & Co. be informed that the solicitor has advised the council that section 17 of part 5 of the municipal ordinance applies in the case as laid down in their communication. Lost.
Sutton—Kelly. That account of A. McNicol, for \$10 for statement of sinking funds be paid.
Sanderson—Sutton. That the report from N. D. Beck regarding appeals at Regina be received and filed and that the account for \$44.25 be the surplus of expenses over the amount received be paid.
Sanderson—Edmiston. That the communication from Beck & Emery regarding the Methodist mission property on river lots 10, 12 and 14 be referred to the solicitor with instructions to enter into correspondence with the department of interior to obtain full particulars in the matter.
Sanderson—Brown. That the cheque for \$15 retained from W. S. Robertson for a license for a public hall be returned to him. Lost.
Auditor's report read, and adopted on motion of Sutton and Brown.
Treasurer's report for November was received and filed.
Finance committee reported the following accounts for payment:
Griesenthwaite, fire brigade, \$1 25
Board of works, cleaning sidewalks, 2 25
W. D. Matheson, hauling engine, .50
A. McCauley, Tartre reception, 3 13
Kelly & Lubbock, B. of W. health and relief, 2 00
A. Brown, Tartre reception, 2 50
J. Milner, coal, 1 70
Kelly & Lubbock, hauling fire engine, 5 00
Ross Bros., board of works, 3 27
J. T. Blower, chairs in hall, 1 75
Electric Light Co., light, 59 45
O. Turgeon, scrubbing, 3 50
Telephone Co., rent of phones, 18 00
Jas. McKernan, lumber, 66 70
A. McNicol, November audit, 5 00
Herald, printing and adv't., 6 50
C. P. R. telegraph account, 1 69
Sinking fund trustees, sinking fund trusts, 2761 57
N. D. Beck, quarter salary, 90 00
A. G. Randall, postage, 5 00
Salaries, 199 22
Cann & Co., stationery, 10 00
J. Robertson, board of works, 1 25
McCauley—Edmiston moved adoption of report.
McCauley—Sanderson. That rules 45 to 50 be suspended for the purpose of introducing and passing by-law 123.
Sanderson—Brown. That by-law 123 pass.

CURLING.
The schedule games played to date are:
Lauder—Shera.
McKay—Emery.
Emery—Taylor.
Vance—Osborne.
McDonald—Raymer.
Vance—McKay.
The first named is the winner.
Vice-President Raymer has offered three buttons of gold, silver and bronze to be played for by points each Saturday.

Free Press: Mr. Ross, Indian agent at Saddle Lake, has been transferred to Breen's river on Lake Winnipeg, and will be succeeded by Mr. Sibbald, for the past five years agency clerk at Duck Lake.

CROW'S NEST PASS.

At a public meeting held in Regina on December 15th, presided over by the Mayor, Messrs. J. K. McInnis and R. H. Williams proposed the following resolution:

"Whereas the Crow's Nest Pass is the only available railway pass through the Rocky Mountains in Canadian territory south of the C. P. railway; and whereas it is desirable that railway competition should be encouraged and promoted; Therefore, be it Resolved, as the opinion of this meeting: That the proposed Crow's Nest Pass railway should be built as a government railway; or if that be impracticable, by a private company other than the C. P. R. Co., with a guarantee of running powers to other roads through the Pass, and proper safeguards as to the regulation of rates and the perpetual maintenance of unrestricted competition."

Battleford Herald: Angus McKay, of the Indian department, is on his way to Battleford, to take the place of T. J. Fleatham agency clerk, who has been promoted to the agency on the Sarcee reserve, rendered vacant by the transfer of Mr. Begg to Fort Frances. Rumor has it that there will be numerous changes in the Indian department as soon as the new minister gets settled down to work.

BIRTHS.

McLeod—At Edmonton on Dec. 21st, the wife of K. A. McLeod, of a son.
McLennan—At Stony Plain on Saturday, December 5th, the wife of Malcolm McLennan of a son.
Purvis—At South Edmonton on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, the wife of Robert Purvis of a son.

DEATHS.

MACAULEY.—At South Edmonton on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, Alexander, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Macauley, South Edmonton, aged nine months. The funeral took place to the Edmonton cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 19th.

Xmas Greetings.

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